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*Geeuen by the reuerend Father in Christe  
Thomas, by Gods prouidence, Bysshop of Couen  
and Lichf. as well to the Clergie, as to the Church  
wardens and enquirers of euery seuerall Parish as well of hys  
peculier as generall Iurisdiction wythin and of the Diocesse of Couen  
and Lichf. to be obserued and kept of euery of them in their offices and  
callinges, as to them shall appertaine, for thauancement of Gods ho-  
nor, thincrease of vertue, and good order to be continued within his sayd  
Diocesse, and the same to be enquired of and put in vse by all  
the Archdeacons, Commissaries, and other officers  
exercising Ecclesiasticall Iurisdiction vnder the  
sayde Bysshop, according to the limits of  
their seuerall offices and iurisdic-  
tions, in their Synodes, visi-  
tations, inquiries,  
and courtes.*  
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*by the reuerend Father in Christe*

Thomas, by Gods prouidence  
Byshop of Couen and  
Lichf. &c.

**F**or the Clergie.



**I**N PRIMIS, you must  
trauel diligently & pain-  
fully to sett forth Gods  
true religion, & adourne  
the same with example  
of godly lyfe, being cir-  
cumpect that you offed  
no man, eyther by lyght  
behauour, or by lyght  
apparell.

**I**tem, vppon euery  
Sunday and Holy Day, ye shal in your Church at  
conuenient howres reuerently and distinctly saye  
or sing the Comon prayer appointed by the lawes  
of this Realme, both in the fore noone and after  
noone, so turning and placing your selues, as the  
people may best heare the same, and vppon euery  
Wednesday and Friday (not being holy Daye) ye  
shal say the Letanye and other prayers appointed  
for the day, and shal also at all times requisite and  
conuenient, duely and reuerently minister the two  
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holy Sacramentes according to suche order as is sett forth in the booke of Common prayer, and administration of the Sacraments. &c.

3 Item, ye shall every Sunday, and every holyday openly in the Church, heare and instruct the children and seruants of both sexes within your parish, at the least so many of the at once by course as the tyme wil serue, & as ye may well heare and instruct for an howre at the least befoze Eueninge prayer, in the tenne comaundements, the Articles of the beliefe, and the lordes praier, & diligently examine and teach them the Catechisme, sett forth in the booke of Common prayer.

4 Item, to the intent this thing may bee moze effectually executed, ye shal take the names of all the children & seruants of both sexes in your parishe y be aboue sixe yerres of age, & vnder twētie, which cannot say the Catechisme, and shall call by course certeine of them by name, every Sundaye & every holy Day to come to the Catechisme, whereby you may easily note & obserue, what parentes or masters be negligent in sending their children and seruants to be instructed, and take occasion thereof both priuately and openly to exhort them to sende their youth as they are appointed.

5 Item, you shall not admitte to the receyuing of the holy Communion any of your Parish, whiche be openly knowne to liue in anye notorious synne without repentance, vnesse y same person doe first openly reconcile him or herself againe to y satisfacion of the congregation, nor any malicious person that is notoriously out of charitie, without priuate recōciliatiō first made to the partie against whom



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the malyce shalbe conceyued and bozne.

6 Item, you shal not admitte to the holy Cōmunion any of your Parisse, men, or women, being above twentie yerres of age, that cannot say by hart the tenne commaundementes, the Articles of the faith, and the Lordes prayer, nor any being aboute twelue yerres, & vnder twentie yerres of age, that cannot say by heart y<sup>e</sup> Catechisme that is set forth in the booke of Common prayer.

7 Item, for that purpose ye shal before Easter and all other times of the yere when the holy Communion is to be by you ministred, giue warning before vnto your parishioners to come vnto you, eyther in the after noone of some Sundaye or holy Day, or the Day before they purpose to receiue, or at some other times before, as necessitie shal cause you to appoint, if there be anye multitude, or in the morning at the furthest, before they shall receyue, so that it be afore y<sup>e</sup> beginning of morning prayer, so many of them as intende to receiue, and not only to signifie vnto you their names, to thintent ye may kepe a register or note of all suche persons as from time to time shal communicate, but also to be by you examined, whether they can save by heart the x. commaundements, the articles of the fayth, the Lordes prayer, and the Catechisme, according as after the diuersitie of their ages is aboute required, and such of them as eyther cannot or wyl not recite the same by hart vnto you, ye shall repell and put backe from the holy Communion, vntill they shalbe able and willing to learne, and by hart recite y<sup>e</sup> same vnto you. For your better assistaunce wherein, ye shall call vpon & require the Churchewar



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wardens & swozne men of your parishe to bee present, one of them at the least, at euery suche examination to thintent they may helpe to put this good order in practise, & take a note of such wilfull and negligent persons as shalbe founde faultie in thys behalfe, and so present the same to the Ordinary.

8 Item, ye shal not admitt to aunswere as God-fathers or Godmothers at the christening of anye childe, any person or persons, except he, shee, & they haue befoze receiued the holy Communion, & can say by hart the articles of the christian faith, & wil recite the same befoze the minister, if he, she, or they be therunto required.

9 Item ye shall euery Sunday when there is no sermon in your Church, distinctly and plainly read one of the Homelies set forth by the Queenes maiesties aucthoritie or one part therof at the least, in such sort as the same is appointed to be read.

10 Item, ye shal not take vppon you to expounde any scripture or matter of doctrine by waye of exhortation or otherwise, in your own Church or other where, vnlesse ye be admitted so to do, by the Ordinarie, or be licenced to preach.

11 Item, you shall read openly in your Church in time of diuine seruice, twise euery yere vpon some of the Sundayes within one moneth next after y feastes of Easter and Saint Michaell tharchangel, plainly without addition or change: A Declaration of certeine principall articles of religion, set forth by both the Archebishops and the rest of the bishops of this realme, for the vnitie of doctrine.

12 Item, you shall preach, or by suche as are lawfully licensed, shal cause to bee preached in y Churches



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ches where ye are Parsons or Vicars, one Sermon euery quarter of the yeare at the least.

13 Item none of you shal serue ii. cures at one time without special licēce vnder your ordinaries seale.

14 Item, no Curate shal serue any cure wythin this Diocesse, without speciall licence in writing vnder the Ordinaries seale.

15 Item, for the putting of the Churchwardens and Sworne men better in remembraunce of their duitie, in obseruing & noting all such as do offende in not comming to diuine seruice, ye shall openly euery Sunday after ye haue read the secounde lesson at Morning and Euening prayer monish & warne the Churchwardens & sworn men of your parish, to looke to their charge in this behalf, & to obserue who contrary to the lawe do that day offende, eyther in absenting themselves negligentllye or wilfully from their Parish church or chappel, or vnreuerently vse them selues in the tyme of diuine seruice and so note the same, to thintent they may eyther present such offenders to the Ordinarie, whē they shall be required thereunto, or leuie and take by way of Distresse to the vse of the poore, such forfeitures as are appointed by a Statute made in that behalfe.

16 Item, ye shall from time to time diligently call vpon & exhort your Parishioners to conferre and giue towarde the relief of the poore as they may well spare, and specially when ye visite them that be sicke, and make their testamentes, and for your owne partes also shal charitablie relieue the poore to your habilitie.

17 Item, ye shal dayly read at the least one chapter of



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of the olde testament, & another of the newe, with good aduise-ment, and such of you as be vnder the degree of a Maister of Arte, shall prouide & haue of your owne, according to the Queenes Maie-ties Iniunctions at the least the new Testament both in Latin and Englishe conferring the one to the other, every day one Chapter thereof at the least, so that vppon the examination of the Arche-Deacon, Commissary or their officers, in synodes & visitations, it may appeare howe ye profite in the studie of holy Scripture.

18. Finally, any of you shall not keepe any suspected woman in your house, or be an incontinent ly-uer, geuen to Drunkennesse or ydlenesse, or bee a haunter of Tauerne, Alehouses or suspected places, or a hunter, hawker, dicer, carder, tabler, swe-ter, or otherwise geue any euill example of life, but contrariwise at al times when ye shal haue leysure ye shall heare or read somewhat of holy scripture, or shall occupie your selues with some other honest studie or exercise, & oftentimes giue your selues to earnest prayer. And shall alwaye doe the thinges which appertaine to honestie, and moue your Pa-rishioners to quiet and con corde, helping to recon-cile them which shall happen to be at variaunce at any time, and by al meanes ye can, endeuoꝛ to pro-fite the common welth, hauing alwayes in mynde that ye ought to excell all other in puritie of lyfe, & should be examples to the people to liue wel and christianly, not giuing any way iust cause of offence.

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¶ For the Church wardens and en-  
quirers, commonly called the  
sworne men of euery  
Parish.



Likewise, & you the Churchwar-  
dens & enquirers in euery Parish  
within the Diocesse of Couen and  
Lichf. shal vpo your othes duely  
& truely certifie & present in wri-  
ting vnto the Ordinarie, Arche-  
deacon of the place, or Comissa-  
rie, or to other officers appointed in this behalfe,  
once or oftener in euery yeare, as hereafter is ap-  
pointed, at such certeine daies & places, as shalbee  
signified vnto you from time to time, all such mat-  
ters as hereafter ensue. That is to say.

1. First, ye shall certifie and present once in euery  
quarter of a yere, whether your Parsons, Vicars,  
& Curates, do diligently, obediently, and duely ob-  
serue & kepe all the said Iniunctions geuen vnto  
them, as is aboue mencioned, so farre forth as the  
same do any maner of waye concerne them or any  
of them, & if they do not, then which and how ma-  
ny of the said Iniunctions do they not keepe, & in  
what pointes do they violate & break the same.

2. Item, whether the Queenes maiesties Iniunc-  
tions be quarterly read by your Parsons, Vicars,  
or Curates.

3. Item, to certifie and present quarterly whether  
there be any among you, that is a hinderer of true  
Religion, or a fauourer of the Romishe power, or  
that stubboznelly refuseth to conforme himselfe to  
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vnitie & godly religion, set forth by commō antho-  
ritie, or any that wilfully & obstinately Defende or  
maintaine any heresies, or false doctrine, contrary  
to the holy scriptures, & what his or their names  
are.

4 Item, to present quarterlye, whether your pa-  
rish Clarke or any other persone not being ordred  
at y least for a Deacon, doe presume to solēnise ma-  
trimony or minister the sacrament of baptisme, or  
Deliuier to y cōmunicants the Lords cup at the ce-  
lebration of the holy communion, and what hee or  
they bee, that so doe. And whether any person not  
being a minister, Deacon, or at the least tolerated  
by the Ordinary in writing, do attempt to saye the  
Common praier, & other diuine seruice openly in  
the Church, and what he is that so doth.

5 Item, to certifie quarterly whether any Curate  
presume to serue in your parish church without li-  
cence from the Ordinary in writing, and vnder  
seale, or whether any serue two cures wythout li-  
cence.

6 Item, to certifie yearely at the visitation, whe-  
ther your parishe haue a Byble of their owne, the  
booke of common praier, a Psalter, y two bookes  
of Homelies, the booke called the Paraphrasis of  
Erasmus, and other bookes requisite, & a faire &  
comely Communion cup of siluer with a couer of  
siluer for the same, whiche couer may serue for the  
ministracion of the Lordes bread.

7 Item to certifie likewise, whether your Quyer  
be comely & orderly kept, whether ye haue a faire  
& comely Cōmunion table standing vpon a frame  
with a faire linnen cloth to lay vpon the same, and



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some carpet or couering of silke, buckeram, or such like for the cleane keeping thereof, & a decent large Surples with sleeves for the Minister, to be vsed of him in all his ministracion within the Church, & also a chist or boxe for the almosse of the poore.

8. Item, to certifie quarterly, whether your register booke of christeninges, mariages & burialles, be duely kept, & the same christeninges, mariages, and burials as they happen from time to time, bee entred by your minister into the same booke, in the presence of you the churchwardens or one of you.

9. Item, to certifie quarterly, whether when anye christian body is in passing, the bell be tolled, & the Minister called to comfort the sick person, & after y<sup>e</sup> time of his or her passing, there be any moze ringig but one short peale befoze the buriall, and another short peale after the buriall. And whether on all Saints Day after Euening praier there be any ringing in your church, or other superstitious ceremonies vsed, tending to the maintenance of y<sup>e</sup> popishe purgatorie, or of praying for the dead, & who they be, that vse or do the same. And whether there bee any ringing or tolling of belles on Sundayes or holydayes betwene Morning prayer & the Litanie, or in any time of diuine seruice, or reading of y<sup>e</sup> homilies or preaching, except one bell, in conueniēt time to be rong or tolled befoze y<sup>e</sup> sermō. And who they be that so do ring, or toll the belles otherwise. And whether there be anye that vpon olde superstitious custome vse to keepe for holye Daye, suche daies as by lawe are abrogated, whether it bee in resorting to y<sup>e</sup> church, or in shutting vp their shops or otherwise ydlelye absteyning from labour at home,



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home, contrary to the lawes of this realme. And who they be that so do.

10 Item, to present yerely at the visitation, whether there bee anye in your parish, man or woman, being of conueient age, that hath not receyued y<sup>e</sup> holy communion thrise at the least in euery yeare, & namely at Easter or thereabout for once, & what their names are. And whether yerely before Easter at suche conuenient times (& namely on Sundayes in Lent at after noone) as the Parson, Vicar, or Curate shall appoint and require hys parishioners to recite vnto him the Catechisme, or at the least the Lordes prayer, y<sup>e</sup> Artycles of the christian beleefe, and the tenne commaundementes by hart in English, if any wilfully and stubbozonly refuse to recite the same, whether you y<sup>e</sup> churchwardens and sworn men, or some of you, doe assist & aide the Minister therein.

11 Item, to present quarterly, whether suche scholmaisters as teach in your parishe, be of a sincere & sound religion, and be diligent in teaching & bringing vp of your youth godly, & whether also they be allowed by the Ordinarie to teache.

12 Item, to certifie & present quarterly, whether all fathers, mothers, and maisters of your Parishe cause their children & seruauntes both mankynde & womankind, being aboue sixe yerres of age, & vnder twenty yerres, which haue not learned y<sup>e</sup> catechisme, or at the least such & so many of the as your minister shal apoint, diligently to come to y<sup>e</sup> church euery sunday & euery holyday at y<sup>e</sup> time appointed & there obediently to heare, learne, & be ordred by your minister, vntil such time as they haue learned.



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all þe said catechisine by hart, & what be the names of those that do not cause their children & seruants so to come to þe church to be instructed & examined.

13. Item, to certifie & present quarterly, whether the lay people of your parish especialy housholders (having no lawful excuse to be absēt) do faithfully & diligently endeuoꝛ themselves to resort to their parish church oꝛ chappel on the holy daies, & chiefly on the Sundays, to morning & Euening praier, & vpon reasonable let thereof, to some other vsuall place where common praier is vsed, & then & there abide orderly & soberly, during all the tyme of cōmon praier, homilies, preachings, & other seruicē of God there vsed, & what be the names of those that negligently oꝛ wilfully absent themselves, oꝛ come verie late to the church vpon the Sundayes & holy daies, but especially vpon the Sundayes.

14. Item to certifie & present quarterly the names of such of your parishioners as walke, talke, oꝛ otherwise vnreuerently behaue themselves in the church, oꝛ vse any gaming abrode, oꝛ in any house, oꝛ sitt in the streates oꝛ churchyarde, oꝛ in any Tauerne oꝛ Alehouse, vpon the Sunday oꝛ other holy day in the tyme of cōmon prayer, sermon, oꝛ readdyng of any of the homilies.

15. Item to certifie & present quarterly, whether you the churchwardens & sworn men doe leuie & gather of euery person that wilfully oꝛ negligently absenteth him oꝛ her selfe from their parish church, oꝛ vnreuerently behaueth him oꝛ her selfe in the church in tyme of diuine seruice vpo þe Sundayes & other holy daies, the forfaiture of xii. d. for euery such offence, according to a statute made in þe  
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first yere of the Queenes maiesties raigne & nowe is, and haue put the same forfeitures to the vse of the pooze of the Parish, & what particuler summes of money are quarterly forfeited that way, and by whom, & how much therof is leuied and deliuered to the Collectors of the pooze. And if any such forfeitures be not leuied in case of suche offences, by whose default it happeneth, that the same are not leuied, and what be the names of such as offende that way, and do not pay the said forfeiture.

16 Item, to certifie & present quarterly, whether there be any Inne keepers, alehousekeepers, Victuellers, or Tiplers, within your parish, & admitt or suffer any person or persons in their houses, to eat & drink, or playe at cardes, tables, or other games in time of comon praier, preaching or reading of Homilies on the Sundayes or holy dayes, & whether there be any shops open on sundaies or holy daies, or any Butchers or others, that vse to sell meat or other things vpon & sundaies or holy dayes in like time of common praier, preaching, or reading of & Homilies, & what be the names of the persōs that so offende. And whether in any faires or common Markets falling vpon & sunday, there be any shewing of any wares before morning prayer be done.

17 Item, to certifie & to present likewise, whether you haue Collectours for the pooze of your parish, whether they do their duitie in gathering wekely & distributing the almes of & pooze, according to a statute made in & fift yere of the Queenes Maiesties raigne, & make a iust accōpt therof quarterly.

18 Item to certifie & present likewise all such persōs as be of habilitie & do obstinately or forwardly



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refuse to geue reasonably towardeſ the reliefe of the pooze, or do wilfully discourage others from ſo charitable a Deede, and what be their names.

19 Item, to certifie & preſent at the leaſt quarterly all ſwearers & blaſphemers of Gods name, all Drunkerds, adulterers, fornicators, ribauldes, inceſtuous pſons, bawdes, or receiuers of ſuch incō-  
tinent pſons, or of ſtrange women w<sup>th</sup> childe, whoſe huſbandes are vnknownen, or any perſons that are vehemently ſuſpected of ſuch faults, or that be not of good name and fame, touching ſuch crimes and faultes, and all ſowers of diſcord betweene neighbour & neighbour within your pariſhe.

20 Item, to certifie likewise, whether your church & chauncell be ſufficiently repaired, & clenly kept, & the manſion houſe of your Parſon or Vicar wyth buyldings thereunto belonging likewise well repaired, & your Churchyard well fenced, & cleanly kept, and if any of the ſame be ruinous & in decay, through whoſe default it is ſo. Whether y<sup>e</sup> churchwardēſ of the laſt yere were enioyned to haue repaired any part of the Church, or to haue fenced y<sup>e</sup> churchyard, & did neglect to do the ſame.

21 Item, to certifie whether the Churchwardēſ of the laſt yere haue giuen to the Pariſh a iuſt account of the church goods that were committed to their charge, & what church goods they haue ſold, and to whome, and whether to the profite of the church or no? And whether any perſon ſuppreſſe y<sup>e</sup> laſt will of the dead, & perſorme not Legacies bequeathed to y<sup>e</sup> church, or to Orphanſ, pooze maides mariages, high wayes, ſchooles, or to anye other godly uſe.

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- 22 Item, to certifie & present whether the churchwardens & swozne men of the last yere haue of any priuate corrupt affection concealed any crime, or other disorder in their time done in your parishe, & haue not presented the same to the Archdeacon, or Commissarie, or other officers, hauing bene charged & enioyned vppon their othes to present the same, & what crime or disorder the same was. And whether they or any of them at any such time or times as they shoulde haue beene at diuine seruice in the church vpo y<sup>e</sup> sundaies & holy daies, & should there haue obserued such persons as then were absent from the church, haue themselves ben absent from the church, & haue sit in the tauerne or alehouse, or haue bene ydle else where, or at the bowles, cards tables, or other gaming, in time of diuine seruyce wout regard of their office or duitie in that behalf.
- 23 Item, to certifie and present once in the yere, whether for the reteyning of the perambulation of the circuit of your Parish in the Rogation dayes, commonly called the Gang weeke, your Minister & your Clerke without wearing any Surplesse vpon them, & you the churchwardens and swozne men, with certein others of the substantiall men of your Parish, doe yeaerlye walke the accustomed boundes of your parish, with giuing of thankes, & vsing of suche order of prayers & homilies, as bee appointed by the Queenes Maiesties auctoritie in that behalfe, without carying of banners, staying at crosses, or vsing anye other superstitious ceremonies in any of your perambulations.
- 24 Item, to present likewise, whether there haue bene any lordes of misrule, or disguised persons in  
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Christmas, or dauners, minstrels, or May gamers, at any other time, y<sup>e</sup> haue vnreuerently come into your church, & there played vnseemely partes with scoffes, iestes, & ribauldrie talk, or daunsing, and namely in time of Common prayer, and what their names be, & the names also of such others as came with them to maintaine such disorder.

25. Item, to present quarterly, whether ye know anye to be married within y<sup>e</sup> degrees of affinitie or consanguinitie prohibited by the lawes of God, or any that being diuorced & seperated for the same, do yet notwithstanding cohabite & kepe company still together, or whether any being married wout those degrees haue vnlawfully forsaken their wiues, or husbandes, or married others. For the more certein knowledge of which degrees, you shal procure, that the Table touching the degrees of Matrimony last set forth by the most Reuerend father in God Hathewe Archbishop of Cantorburie, be fastened in some conuenient place in your Church.

26. Item, ye shal present all such as kepe & vse any sedicious bookes, contrary to the Queenes lawes and proceedinges.

27. Item, that all church wardens hereafter from time to time, resort to the Bishop or to his chancellor within one moneth next after they bee chosen or appointed to their office: and bring with them iiii. of the substantiallest men of the parish to take a corporall othe together, for the good obseruing of all good order, and presentment of all thinges done contrary to these Iniunctions.

God saue the Queene.







